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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURK DISPUTE: GREEK AIDE MEMOIRE RE
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC.

REF: (A) STATE 112403; (B) ATHENS 3296; (C) ANKARA 4276

1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING WORLDWIDE POLICY VIS-A-VIS
EXPLORATION BY AMERICAN COMPANIES IN DISPUTED AREAS. IN
ANY EVENT WE WILL WISH TO AVOID BEING PLACED IN POSITION
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OF INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND U.S. PRIVATE

COMPANY. CONSEQUENTLY, FOR THE TIME BEING YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT REPLY TO GREEK AIDE MEMOIRE (REF. B) PROTESTING COOPERATION OF GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC. WITH TURK PETROLEUM COMPANY IN SEISMIC TESTS IN THE DISPUTED AREA OF THE AEGEAN.

2. FACTS AS FAR AS WE KNOW ARE THAT GSI IS NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH TPAO FOR PROVISION OF TEAM WHICH WOULD OPERATE OFF TURKISH SHIP (REF. A). WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GSI AND HAVE ASSURED OURSELVES THAT COMPANY IS AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN THE DISPUTED AREA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH GSI AND WITH ANY OTHER AMERICAN COMPANY WHICH MAY CONTRACT WITH EITHER PARTY TO DRILL OR CONDUCT EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN. IN THE COURSE OF THESE CONVERSATIONS WE WILL CERTAINLY CONVEY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S POSITION BUT AT THE SAME TIME

MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT ACTING AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR THE GOG, OR TAKING A POSITION ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE. WE HAVE MAILED TO GSI A COPY OF MAP DRAWN BY THE GEOGRAPHER OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT OUTLINES THE DISPUTED AREA.

3. FOR ANKARA: STATEMENT OF EMBOFF TO TURK FONMIN OFFICIAL REPORTED PARA 4, REF. C, IS CORRECT RESPONSE TO SUCH QUESTION. KISSINGER

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